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GEORGE WASHINGTON.

ANECDOTE RELATED BY JOHN ADAMS, SENIOR.

The following account of the appointment of General Washington to the supreme command of the Continental army, June 15th, 1775, has been placed in our hands by a gentleman in whose veracity we have full confidence. We cannot doubt the authenticity of the anecdote which he gives. This subject has of late years been brought before the public under various versions, and has in every stage attracted attention. The private journal, narrating a conversation with John Adams, seems, before that great and good man was called to his rest. The relation is more in detail than that which has hitherto been made public; but it substantially corroborates the former versions of the causes that led to the appointment of Washington. Let us shew in what way affect the anecdote we give it in the words of the narrator.

The army was assembled at Cambridge, Mass., under General Ward and Congress was sitting at Philadelphia. Every new day applications in behalf of the army arrived.—The country was urgent that Congress should legalize the raising of the army as they had, what must be considered only a mob. The country was placed in circumstances of peculiar difficulty and danger. Two strongholds had begun, and yet everything was without order. The great trial now seemed to be in this question, Who shall be the Commander in Chief? It was exceedingly important, and was felt to be the hinge on which the contest might turn for or against us. The southern and the Middle States, warm and rapid in their zeal for the most part, were jealous of New England, because they felt the real physical force was here, which it was to be done.

At New England and General Ward; he had been in the French war, and went out laden with laurels. He was a scholar and a statesman. Every qualification seemed to cluster in him; and it was confidently believed that the army would receive no appointment over him. What was to be done? Difficulties thickened at every step. The struggle was to be long and bloody. Without union all was lost. The country and the whole country must come in. Our population must beat through all hearts. The cause was one, and that army must be one. The members had talked, debated, considered, and guessed, and yet the decisive step had not been taken. At length Mr. Adams came to the conclusion. The means of resolving it were some what singular and nearly as follows: He was walking one morning before Congress had apparently in deep thought, when his cousin Samuel Adams came up to him and said:

"What is the topic with you this morning?" "Oh, the army, the army," he replied. "I am determined to go into the hall this morning, and enter into a full detail of the condition of the colonies, in order to show the absolute need of taking some decisive steps. My whole air will induce Congress to appoint some day for adopting the army as the legal army of these united colonies of the North America, and then hint at my election of a Commander-in-Chief."

"Well," said Samuel Adams, "I like that cousin John, but on whom have you fixed as that Commander?"

"I will tell you—George Washington, of Virginia, a member of this house."

"Oh," replied Samuel Adams quickly, "that will never do, never."

"It must do, it shall do," said John, "and for these reasons: The Southern and Middle States are both to enter heartily into the cause; and their arguments are potent! They say that New England holds the physical power in her own hands, and they fear the result. A New England Commander, a New England army, with New England persevering all unite to support them."

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PARS, OCTOBER 10, 1843.

The great popular party is already milled almost *en masse* and in bands which is leading the party to its final triumph. The few that will lag will soon be led under its ample folds. On that basis is written: *FOR TRADE; LOW TUTIES; NO DEBT; SEPARATION FROM THE ECONOMY; RE-STRENGTHEN; AND STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE CONSTITUTION*. Victory in such a cause will be easily achieved; and if its principles be faithfully and truly adhered to, after it is achieved, much will it redound to the honor of those by whom it will have been won; and long will it perpetuate the liberty and prosperity of the country." *Calhoun.*

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

JOHN C. CALHOUN,

Subject to the decision of a National Convention.

We owe our readers and patrons an apology for again presenting them with a half sheet. It is owing to our want of help. We beg their pardon, and shall endeavor to prevent such an occurrence again.

INDIFFERENT VOTERS.

We consider it the duty of every man to appear on the day of election and deposit his vote for such rulers as it may be necessary to elect. In fact, every man is bound by every consideration which can attach him to a free government to exercise this political privilege. Some men say, my vote is not worth anything—parties have become corrupt—I will have nothing to do with them; and so on. But do such persons sufficiently consider the consequences of such a course? We apprehend they do not; for the consequence, most assuredly, is, to transfer power into the hands of the weak or corrupt. Let no man therefore on any occasion, say his vote is worthless; or that he feels indifferent in relation to the individuals on whom political power may be bestowed. A man, virtuously inclined, may see many things in the party to which he belongs, which he detests. He may, and often does, see errors of the grossest character. But, as these are things to which all parties are liable—things to which all human associations are subject—things of common, every-day, occurrence, and as much to be expected as the earth is expected to turn on its own axis, the call to act is still more loud, and the more necessary to be observed. Virtue, morality and religion are promoted only by those who are ready to practice self-denial on all occasions; and who are ever desirous of urging forward those institutions which have such attributes in view. Shall we abandon honesty, truth, integrity, kindness, because certain members of the community cheat, lie, deceive and malign? Or shall we forsake the worship of our Maker because some have abandoned the path of religious duty? These questions need only be asked in order to be answered. Now if these things can only be promoted by the zealous, persevering efforts of the good, how can any other object be successfully carried forward without their aid? We have no right to sit still and view with indifference the wants of our country and the honor of society. We should meet error, deception, fraud, profligacy and the thousand other forms of vice, and vanquish them at the threshold. The following upon this really important subject is from the pen of the late Dr. Channing:

"Among the best people, there are some who through disgust at the violence of parties, withdraw themselves from all political action. Such I conceive, do wrong. God has placed them in the relations, and imposed on them the duties of citizens; and they are no more authorized to shrink from these duties than from those of sons, husbands or fathers. There is undoubtedly much in the conduct of political parties, that is calculated to disgust persons of a refined sensibility. No parties are free from this reproach. Every man must have felt it. But it forms no sort of excuse for the neglect of political duties. All the wholesome observances of society are violated and prostituted to vile purposes, and yet no man thinks of abolishing them. They must be upheld, and it is the duty of every good man to render them purer and higher standards of moral and social conduct and feeling. If all good men refuse to participate in the efforts to reform society, because those efforts are sometimes vain, society will go down. So in the control of our political affairs. No man should abandon his own peculiar duty through disgust at the mode in which his neighbors discharge theirs. If every wise, intelligent and good man in the country, were to fail to participate in the elections, and to endeavor to guide, direct, and correct the public opinion, how soon would our condition be infinitely more deplorable than it is. The whole of our institutions would be rendered into the hands of those who are both too weak and too wicked to administer them without bringing the whole fabric to ruin. If the virtuous unite they can check at least, if they cannot overrule the evil disposed and ignorant. The ship of State must be indebted at least for the privilege of attaining a safe harbor, to those who know how to navigate her among the sunken rocks, and in the hour of midnight."

HORRIBLE ATTEMPT TO MURDER.

In Norway, on Friday evening last, a company assembled at a Corn husking, about three miles from the Village, and in the course of the evening a dispute arose between two young men by the names of Hobbs and Totherly. When the husking was over they stepped aside in order to settle the matter by physical force. They met, and it was soon discovered by Hobbs that Totherly had a knife in his hand by which he was endeavoring to pierce his chest. Hobbs now closed in with Totherly, and after struggling a short time, the latter fell; but having partially turned his antagonist one side, he continued to stab at his chest. Hobbs now cried out, "put up that knife," when some of the company went to, and immediately parted them. It was found that Hobbs had received ten wounds about the chest—one very deep, near the heart. It is not expected that he will recover. Totherly was examined before a Justice on Saturday and was bound over. He is now in jail in this place. These are the facts substantially, as we learned them from the officer who committed Totherly.

P. S. Since the above was put in type, we learn that Hobbs died on Saturday night.

N. B. We are promised the facts in relation to the above, in detail in season for our next number.

When a man cannot utter the truth from ignorance or false information concerning the matter of which he speaks he had better remain silent. Consequently the following should have been left unsaid. It is our candid opinion, in view of all the circumstances, that Lincoln had better not reproach the Democracy of Oxford. Any man in this quarter knows better than to say that Democratic votes were thrown against any candidate from merely "personal antipathy," or motives of ambition, or both combined. We beg leave to say that Democratic votes were influenced here by motives of quite another sort. Democrats, read the article, and if you have done any thing of which you ought to be ashamed, we hope you will so act in future as to blot it from your character.

From the Maine (Bath) Inquirer.

REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS. From a corrected list of returns in the Oxford portion of the Congressional district, it appears that the majority against Andrew is 194, therefore we fear he is not elected. It is shameful in the extreme, that men presuming to be democratic—should, for the mere sake of gratifying a personal antipathy—or from feelings of disappointed ambition, take means to defeat the regularly and fairly nominated candidate. In Oxford, some four or five hundred democratic votes were taken from Col. Andrews. We trust and believe the good sense of the democracy there, will set this matter right at the next trial."

Will the Editor of the Bath Inquirer, who entertains so much paternal solicitude for the good conduct of Oxford Democracy, inform us if it was not "shameful in the extreme, for men presuming to be democratic," to cast, in the town of Bath, fifty or sixty votes more for Mr. Morse, the Federal candidate for Congress, and give a greater majority, by 123 votes, in that town alone, against Charles Andrews for Congress, than against any other candidate of the party? Was it not "shameful in the extreme, for men presuming to be democratic," to have cast, 183 votes against that incorruptible Statesman, Hugh J. Anderson, the "regular and fairly nominated candidate" for Governor, and give but 40 votes in his favor? Was it not "shameful in the extreme, for men presuming to be Democratic," to have cast, 183 votes against Mr. Van Buren's weakness in this, which was deemed his strong hold. Some expectants and waiters on Providence, magnified hundreds into thousands of the congregated masses; but the exposure of the fraud has plunged them into hopeless desperation, and it will be woefully calamitous to them elsewhere. But the arrival of Col. Johnson at this opportune moment will complete the rout of Mr. Van Buren's forces both north and east.

There is much animation at the Navy Yard, Charlestown, at the present time; building, repairing and fitting away ships. Upwards of 800 men, principally mechanics and laborers are employed.

Union of Upper Canada with the Whig Party.—We have always supposed that there was considerable kindred feeling between the Whigs and our neighbors of the Canadas; but we never conjectured that the votes from those Provinces would be claimed and counted by our opponents. This looks like identifying Republicanism with Monarchy. We feel sorry that the Waldo Signal, a paper so well filled with Whig principles, has, by the following, made itself obnoxious to the charge of being leagued with monarchy.

From the Waldo Signal.

The Bath Inquirer claims the election of Mr. Andrews in the Lincoln & Oxford district, although it is yet very uncertain as they have had no news from the vote in *Upper Canada*, which is expected by the next steamer from *Halifax*. P. S.—The steamer *Scattering* has arrived and he is not elected.

Ex-President Fay, of Waterville, gives the address before the members of the Kennebec Cattle Show and Fair. He will give a good one, unquestionably as he was a farmer in his boyhood. The exhibition is to be at Readfield corner, on the 11th and 12th inst.

Let it be remembered that Oxford County Cat Show takes place in this Village on the 11th and 12th inst. Address by Henry Hawkins, Esq. of Oxford. We hope to see a general turnout of our farmers and others who feel an interest in the Society.

Post Office at Portland. Mr. Nathaniel Mitchell has been appointed to this office v. Col. S. R. Lyman removed. He has, however, been notified by Mr. Lyman, who has just returned from Washington, to suspend taking possession of the office until the return of the P. M. General, who is now on a visit to Kentucky. This is done by special request.

There has been a splendid Swedenborg Church erected in Bath.

Drowned.—Four persons were recently drowned in Morencying Bay, while on their way to Bowdoinham Village.

The following are some of the facts which have caused the Journeyman Tailors, and tailoresses to make a strike in Boston. We only wonder that the strike has not been made sooner especially by the tailoresses.

We learn by the Boston Post that an association has been organized in that city, under the name of "The United Benevolent Association of Ladies." At a public meeting of this society, held on Monday evening, the Post says it was clearly shown that the woman had to work from 16 to 18 hours to earn 20 cents, and that they did not average 15 cents a day, taking the week through, although they worked from morning till bed time, without attending to anything else.

The following special facts were stated and well attested:

One third present worked for orders.

20 pairs of overalls, pants, with pockets, and buttons down the side, were taken for ten cents a pair. The employer deducted two cents a pair for cash, when he paid for the job—being a deduction of forty cents on two dollars.

20 cents to be paid for pants' the maker finding tape; but the pay refused because she had not found straps.

8 cents to be paid for pants with two pockets; but refused because the maker put no puff in the back.

Four cents paid for under-shirts by several. Some were paid off at the end of the week wholly in cents, which the employers purchased at the toll-bridges at the rate of 105 for a dollar.

To some who complained of the price, employers had answered—"If you can live as you want on the prices I pay you, you know there are houses where you can go to and live" (Meaning houses of ill-fame.)

From the American.

MR. VAN BUREN'S PROSPECTS.—It cannot be disguised that the prospect of Mr. Van Buren's getting the nomination at Baltimore lessens every day. The action of the Syracuse convention was a death blow; for its opposition to the district system of electing delegates to the national convention was in open defiance of the well known wishes of the great body of the democracy. That action has been met with almost universal disgust. Even the Plebian, certain as it has been heretofore of Mr. Van Buren's nomination, now says—"It is impossible to tell with any degree of certainty who will be nominated by the Baltimore Convention." Not only is Mr. Calhoun gaining strength daily, but Col. John Gen. Cass are also traveling the course with rapid strides. The New York Herald, a

copy of which is the best authority on this subject, has answered—"If you can live as you want to on the prices I pay you, you know there are houses where you can go to and live" (Meaning houses of ill-fame.)

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all concerned, that he has been duly appointed and taken upon himself the trust of Executor of the last Will and Testament of

Lord Oxford, on the 19th day of September in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty-three.

FRANCIS KEEP, Executor of his last Will and Testament of Lord Oxford, in the County of Franklin, deceased, having presented his first account of his administration of the estate of said deceased,

It is Ordered, That the said Executor give notice to all persons interested, in causing a copy of this order to be published at Paris, in and county on the third Tuesday of October next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and when cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

GEO. F. EMERY, Register.

20 Copy—Attest; GEO. F. EMERY, Register.

At a Court of Probate, held at Canton, within and for the County of Oxford, on the 19th day of September in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty-three.

FRANCIS KEEP, Executor of his last Will and Testament of Lord Oxford, in the County of Franklin, deceased, having presented his first account of his administration of the estate of said deceased,

It is Ordered, That the said Executor give notice to all persons interested, in causing a copy of this order to be published at Paris, in and county on the third Tuesday of October next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, and when cause, if any they have, why the same should not be allowed.

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